PRICE THREE CENTS.

FEES TO ASH-CART DRIVERS. ONE OFFENDER IDENTIFIED AND DIS-MISSED FORTHWITH.

Other Cases Reported in the Testimony Taken Before the Mayer Yesterday-Are the Polles Required to Enforce the Separation of Ashes and Garbage !- The Grand Jury. Police Commissioner Sidney P. Nichols went with Capt. Williams yesterday morning to the Leonard street station and caused a review of all the drivers of ash carts in the district, for the purpose of identifying the men who, according to testimony taken before the Mayor, were paid by Henry Welsh, a Franklin street grocer, and his foreman, Mr. Stuart, for removing ashes in the city carts from Franklin street. The man who has at present charge of the route on which Mr. Welsh's store is, was identified, but Mr. Welsh said he had not paid him anything. Another driver was identified as one whom Mr. Weish had paid, but inquiry showed that at the time Mr. Welsh paid him he was not in the employ of the Police Department, but was removing ashes on his own account. A third driver was traced by name, and identified, and his

license was revoked.

At the continuation of the hearing before the Mayor all the Commissioners were present with their counsel. Mr. Willard Bartlett, Elihu Boot, and Mr. Vanderpoel. Mr. Bliss appeared in the afternoon. Mayor Grace informed Mr. Root that he had no copy of the report of the testimony taken before the Assembly Committee on Cities in 1880 in his possession. As to prosecutions for violations of Corporation ordipances, the defence, the Mayor said, would have an opportunity to summon the Corporation Counsel as a witness.

Mr. Robert E. Tibbetts then resumed the stand

and went on with his detailed descriptions of the condition of the streets of the city when he inspected them. At the close of his testimony Mr. Andrews asked:
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Mr. Bartlett—I object on the ground that the Police Commissioners are not called upon, by any existing law, to separate the ashes from the garbage and are not required to enforce the ordinance which, it is assumed, requires the separation of ashes from the garbage. I would like to state, if your Honor please, one authority on this subject which has been reported since the first hearing in this court. The Board of Police Commissioners passed a resolution requesting Commissioner Matthews to report his opinion and advice whether the Board of Police is obliged to enforce the ordinance compelling the separation of ashes and garbage in the absence of any specified order or request of the Health Department for such separation. In the Chy Record of April 22, 1881. I find the proceedings of the Police Board relating to this subject. Commissioner Matthews reported a resolution that it does not appear on the records of the department that any specified order has been given by the Health Department tythe Board of Police for the separation of the ashese from the garbage, and that in the absence of any such order the Board of Police were not compelled to enforce the ordinance of the Health Board requiring such separation. This objection was made and armed early in these proceedings, but attention was not called to this expression of opinion by a Police Commissioner, who, according to a biographical notice printed in a newspaper, has occupied the position of a Judge in one of the counties of this State. We think that this opinion, under the circumstances, is entitled to great work.

great weight. Mr. Andrews said he supposed that Commis-sioner Matthews had made a mistake. Mr. Bardett—No.sir. We contend that Judge Matthews was right in his opinion, and we ask Norto enforce it. Boot-You think, Mr. Andrews, that Mr. Matthews made a mistake in giving that opin-ion, or that he made a mistake in giving a cor-

rect opinion?
Mayor Grace—What do I understand to be the Mr. Bartlett-To exclude this question on the Mr. Bartlett—To exclude this question on the authority I quoted in this opinion.
Mayor Grace—We will take the testimony subject to the objection. One of the counsel suggests that we should have the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. Of course he is the person who should be consulted; he is the proper adviser of the Mayor.

Mr. Bartlett—Of course we should be willing to accent a reference to the Counsel if the learned representative of that official had not already expressed an opinion in our presence.

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Mr. Harriett cross-examined the witness sharply, apparently with a view to show his motives in appearing as a witness and his relation to the prosecution. The witness said he had been employed as a policy clerk under Mayor Grace when Mr. Grace was receiver of the Continental Life Insurance Company. When

had been employed as a policy cierk under Mayor Grace when Mr. Grace was receiver of the Continental Life Insurance Company. When Mayor Grace resigned the witness was subsequently employed by Receiver O'N-sil. He had formerly been a Custom House broker. When he left Receiver O'N-sil. Service he got a note recommending him to Mr. Ivins from Mr. W. A. Miller of 41 Maiden lane. He told Mr. Ivins he was whiling to do anything that was fair and just, and Mr. Ivins told him to go and look at the condition of the Mreets. He had not known Mr. Ivins previously. He never talked about compensation until his work was done. Then he was paid 44 a day by Mr. Ivins. He could not tell whether or not the money came out of any municipal lund or whether he was employed by the Mayor. Michael Russel, dealer in paper stock at 30 City Hall place, teetified that for thirteen years be had paid the public ashmen and others to remove the dirt that accumulated in his place of business. His habit was to keep the dirt until he got a bag full, and then pay a man fifty cents to take it away. The carts were marked "P. D." Mr. Bliss suggested that these initials stood for Private Dust.

Messrs, Bartiett and Bliss insisted that as the dirt in these bremiese was inside the store it was not the duty of the Police Department to permove it; that if there was any dereiction of duty it was on the part of the Corporation Counsel, and that the testimony of the witness ought to be stricken out as not bearing on any of the charges or specifications. Mayor Grace denied the motion and the counsel excepted. All the counsel called attention to the fact that art of the charges censured the Police Commissioners for not removing the private dirt while another part of the charges censured the Police Commissioners for not removing the private dirt while another part of the charges censured the holice of the hadron of the hadron of the was himself subject to removal for not having brought that the pass upon it as a Judge. The Mayor Graces and he would take the testi

sort. Mayor Grace said he would take the testimony subject to objection. Mr. Bliss said the Court of Appeals had decided that it could not be done in that way. Mayor Grace said he would take the testimony authect to review.

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Mr. Bliss - Fortunately for the people of this corporation ordinances by leaving obstructions on the aidewalk, and had squared the matter with the Corporation Attorney by giving his testimory against the Police Commissioners.

Whilam Hill, janitor of the building ISI Pearl street, corner of Cedar, testified that he had paid money for several years to various ashmen for removing the ashes and dirt of the building. He said he could not get it done without paying then or fitteen cents a barrel to the ash cart men of the Police Department. Mr. Bliss objected to the testimony as not stilleding only of the specifications. Mayor Grace overfuled the objection, and counsel took exceptions. On cross-examination, Mr. Bliss alked the witness to appear at the New street station on Monday at noon to identify the ash men whom he had paid. Mr. Bliss intimated rather fercely that the witness had been guilty of bribary, and was liable to be sent to Sing Sing, and that if he did not go to New street he would probably have to go to the City Prison. The witness said he would be at the New street police station on Monday at knoon to dientify the ash men whom he had paid the witnesses that they need not be in the slightest degree alarmed and Mr. Bliss replied that he did not wish to alarm them.

Watter Holliday, whose testimony had already been given and stricken out, was recalled and repeated his discoveries as to the existence of fifth in various attrests. Mr. Bliss kept up a running fire of objections, and several times after making them said. Overruled,

Mr. Bartlett called attention to the fact that Mr. Ivina, the Mayor's secretary, was acting as associate counsel. Mr. Bartlett wished that fact to appear on the record when the case came to

At 4 o'clock the hearing was adjourned until Monday at 11 A. M.
Balors the Grand Jury yesterday Inspector Conway, employed by the Pilot Commission, testified oncerning filegal dumping of street sweepings in the harbor by the scows of the Police Department; J. A. Borrow, Commissioner

of Accounts, testified, it is said, about the book-keeping of the department; Charles H. Shelly, manager of the Park Avenue Hotel, told of some difficulties he had met in setting rid of the refuse of the hotel; William H. Rightmeyer, Captain of one of the Police Department tugs, gave information about the towing of seows, inden with refuse, to the dumping places; Patrick Handybode, formerly in charge of the formation about the towing of seows, inden with refuse, to the dumping places; Patrick Handybode, formerly in charge of the formation of the Street Cleaning Bursau; Cornellus Smith, a contractor, and several employees and ex-employees of the bureau were among the witnesses. The investigation was adjourned until to-morrow. until to-morrow.

THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. LEO

To be Dedicated by Cardinal McCloskey Next

Sunday-The Building's Bistory. The new Church of St. Leo, on Twentyeighth street, between Sixth and Madison avenues, will be dedicated next Sunday, May 1, by Cardinal McCloskey. Bishop Conroy will sing the mass and Bishop Spalding of Peorla will preach the sermon. At vespers Archbishop Corrigan, conductor to the Cardinal, will officiate. The ceremonies throughout will be particularly imposing, and already many of the seats in the church have been secured.

The church is one of the most attractive in the city. The cost, including the land, has been upward of \$100,000, nearly all of which, it is understood, has been paid up. The organization of the parish and the rapid completion of the church, begun less than a year ago, is entirely due to the energetic efforts of the Rev.

appointed, in such shops as, do not already show he terms demanded. It was said that Samuel Howe, an employing baker, requires but twelve hours' work from his men, and pays them an average of \$2 a week more than ollier employers and that a number of American employers however, a voice of \$2 a week more than ollier employers, and that a number of American employers how were the nours' work. A voice of the same o

As to a Theft of Six Millions.

A report was published in this city yesterday afternoon, in the form of a despatch from Panama, to the effect that the cashier of De Lesseps's Panama Canal Company had abscorded with 30,000,000 france, or about signo, con, of the funds of the company. He is said to are disappeared about six weeks ago. Inquiries relative to this report were made yesterday of several bank are who are identified with the canal scheme, among hem Messra J. A. W. schman. All said they had not one advised of any such state of affairs, and were conflictent that they would have been informed if anything of the sorthad occurred. The amount mentioned as having seen taken was accepted by them as proof of the laisenance of the report, as the company does not keep any much sum at Panama or in the bands of one person.

Pasawa, April 13.—The Gasal, a paper printed in Engish, Frenk, and spanish, says. "Many and varied have seen the runn ratouching the disappearance of the casher of the Panama Canal Company. It was believed that or a time that he had drowned himself in the Charges liver. This was contradicted, and the public were limit teld that he had been seen on a tog, preparatory to taking the assemer for the South. Very tigy rumors obtained as to the condition of the cashin the property of the season of the cashing of the season of the cashing of the season of the cashing of the season of the company are retirent, and their secrets seems to corroborate the reports. \$6,000,000, of the funds of the company. He is said to

Modest Resolutions.

The present Board of Works of Jersey City seld its last official meeting on Friday atternion. Commissioner listey offered a resolution complimenting the enring Commissioners, Messes, Vreeland and Yoe, upo retiring Commissioners, Messes Vreeland and Yee, upon their efficiency, but the motion was defeated amid much hongitier. A resolution complimenting fresident fluiden for his impartiant, was unanimously addressed fine the Financial That the retiring members congressed for the past year as well as the other members congressed the member with the business of the past year has been conducted, the ability each member has shown in avoiding indictinent, and the perfect harmony which has existed except semi-occasionally. Be it further flower, That although there have been lew offices to fill, we thank a kind Providence that there have been no more.

Post Office Notes.

A branch Post Office is to be established at the railroad station at High Bridge on the first of May. Three collections and deliveries are to be made daily by two conscious an adverse are to be more analyst we manufact carriers to be nominated by the Postmaster and configured by the Postmaster-tieneral.

E. C. Campbell tormerly Chief of the Fire Department at Utora, has been appointed by the Postmaster Second Assistant Attiture at the Post Other building at the required of seem appointed in the Inquiry Department.

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Docuta Capsulets,

aid insurance companies" of Pennsylvania have found a new field to operate in. A few days ago a number of agents arrived in this city from Harrisburg to begin business. They had intended to "work" the Berks County Almshouse, but when they learned that there were about forty-five cases of small-pox there they visited the Schuylkill County Poorhouse and took out policies at the rate of \$50,000 a day on aged and infirm paupers. Each pauper is promised \$2 per month for each \$1,000 insured. Henry Berger, aged 85, was insured for

day on aged and infirm paupers. Each pauper is promised \$2 per month for each \$1,000 insured. Henry Berger, aged \$5, was insured for \$5,000. He receives, or is promised, \$10 per month. The policy was at once transferred or assigned to a coal operator, and he pays all assessments and charges, so that when the aged pauper dies the coal operator draws the money from the company. These cooperative insurance associations are springing up all over the State. In some counties as many as fifteen exist. They are very easily organized. A dozen men come together, they procure a charter from the State Department for a small sum, get out their printed circulars, open an office, and get their agents to work. No other capital is needed. The entire country is then scoured for members of class A, their first class. Entrance and examination fees are paid by each man who is insured. This money goes to the company and agents. In a few months class A has 500 members. If one dies the other 493 are assessed so much each, and after the company and day and the remainder to the heirs of the insured or the holder of the policy. The class is enlarged gradually until it numbers 1,000 members. Then another class is started. The company and day the remainder to the heirs of the insured or the holder of the policy. The class is enlarged gradually until it numbers 1,000 members. Then another class is started. The company and down the sured or the holder of the policy. The class is enlarged gradually until it numbers 1,000 members and the sured or the holder of the policy. The class is enlarged gradually until it numbers 1,000 members than a few months dealed to be worth in cash no less than \$20,000, for it yields an annual income of at least \$3,000.

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Allan Poe, and which shall be placed in one of the correst of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. That corner, if our hopes be fulfilled, shall be known as the Posts corner; and all of our barea, true, and favorite posts shall look for the part of the Metropolitan Museum of the Posts corner; and all of our barea, true, and favorite posts shall look for the part of the Metropolitan Museum of the Posts corner; and all of our shall look for the part. Charles Roberts, Jr., read a selection from Byron's Corsair, which was illustrated by tableaux vivratis.

Lester Wallack, Ilose Cochian, and others apported in the fourth act of "Monder." Joseph Posts and "The Nightlurgals" I'll." She was encored and was presented with flowers. Joseph Posts and the Posts Cochian, and others apported in the fourth act of "Monder." Joseph Posts and the Posts Cochian, and others apported in the fourth act of "Monder." Joseph Posts and the Posts Cochian, and others apported to the Posts and the Posts Cochian, and others apported to the Posts and the Posts Cochian, and others apported to the Posts and the Posts Cochian, and others apported to the Posts and the Posts Cochian, and others apported to the Posts and the Post

Mr. Henry H. Rogers of the Pratt Oil Refining Company, whose refineries are on Newtown Creek, said last evening that the refining there was now conducted on improved methods, and he thought that the State Board of Health (which he believed was in carnest in its work) was satisfied that the oil reflueries were not now at fault as they had been in this matter. The makers of fertilizers, he said, had been in the habit of discharging waste oil into the creek; but he thought that their business might be conducted so as not to give offence. One manufacturer of fertilizers had abandoned the business at Newtown, and had gone to Barren Island. The others, he thought, might do the same, but he had no idea the refineries would be compelled to remove.

The Conference Boundary Dispute. GLEN'S FALLS, N. Y., April 23,-In the Methodist Conference the Bishop decided that the churches of Stamford, Pownal, Bennington, North Bennington, Ar lington, and Sandgate, hitherto in the Troy Conference, are in the Vermont Conference. The following questions were submitted: "The General Conference of 1880, by committee, transferred certain territory from the Troy to the Vermont Conference. Living within that territory, and members of these churches, were supernomerary and superannuated ministers. But the above-mentioned action legally transfer these men to the Vermont Conference." Chancing the boundaries of an annual Conference of itself does not affect the membership of such ministers. These are arranged by mortial action of the two Conferences. The Rev. G. W. Brown of Brandon, Vt., has received a transfer to the Troy Conference, and many of the ministers from the disputed territory think they should be similarly treated, but the Bishop objects. This complicates the case.

The Vermont Conference refuses to allow concessions of any character, lington, and Sandgate, hitherto in the Troy Conference

Investigating the Glasgow Bank Failure. MILWAUKEE, April 23.-Alexander W. Black of Edinburgh, Scotland; C. L. Cotes, W. Barry, and E. S. Shel-don of Chicago; W. K. May and H. P. Fuller of Racine, and L. H. Rose of New York have been taking testimony at the Plankenton House, in this city, in relation to the railroad securities, of the value of \$1,555,000, which form railroad securities, of the vaine of \$1,000,000, which form a part of the assets of the involvent bank of disagow. These gentlemen torm a commission appeared by the directors, Black being specially sent here in the canactery of an attorney. The testimony is in connection with a suit begin by the directors of the bank against William McKinnon, to make him personally liable for the losses, and under his direction certain investments of the bank were made. The investments is to determine where the entired as the second of the secon

was given out that it had been invested in " Canadian Pacific Rallway.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 23,-The transfer of division, the Pembins branch and as far as Telford on the western division will come under their jurisdiction. It is the intention, after the transfer, to run passenger trains from St Faul direct to Winnipeg, to which Puliman cars will be attached both ways. A schedule of freight charges, which has received the sanction of the Governor-teneral and Council, will be promulgated along with the official announcement of the transfer. The

What is the absolute accessity of always representing the Goddess of Laberty with a bare leg! There must be a "ghost in somebody's eys." Use David's Prus Laun dry Boap, as it is the healthless in the world,—ads.

MRS. O'HARA'S WILL UPHELD. inrrogate Livingstone Decides that there was

NEW YORK, SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1881.

Surrogate Livingstone, in Brooklyn yesterday, rendered his decision in the contest over the will of Mrs. Mary O'Hara, who left a portion of her large property to charity, gave \$2,000 each to her granddaughters. Mary Cecilia and Mary Augusta O'Hara, and bequeathed the remainder, constituting the bulk of the es-tate, to Judge Alexander McCue, her lawyer, Dr. W. H. Dudley, her physician, and Father Robert J. Maguire, her priest. Mrs. O'Hara was the widow of Peter O'Hara, a wealthy marble cutter. She died on June 16, 1879, in her residence in Schermerhorn street, leaving an estate valued at about \$100,000. Her will, which was drawn by Judge McCuc, gave \$5,000 to the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, \$5,000 to the Convent of Mercy, \$5,000 to St. Mary's

SILVER PLUME MINING STOCK. A Montreal Broker Accused of Fraud-Flerce

MONTREAL, April 22.-James Baxter, stock broker, of this city, stands charged with defrauding William Bernard Silis out of \$3,500. Sills contends that he was induced by Baxter to purchase Silver Plume mining stock (Black Hills) at 78, whereas it was being sold at from four to five cents on the dollar. A bitter feeling exists between the parties. This afternoon, at the inquiry before the magistrate, Sills, Jr. the inquiry before the magistrate, Sills, Jr., called Baxter a thief. They closed, and a brief and flerce fight ensued, in which Baxter kicked Sills violently in the abdomen. Baxter was seized by the throatby a constable, and was held on a charge of aggravated assault. The Herdit charges Baxter with fleeing from Chicago to escape trial for perjury in connection with a fraudulent execution of a bond given to the Government to secure a penalty of \$40,000 in connection with the issue of revenue stamps to a certain boxus company Baxter was starting, and that he has been divorced from his wife for adultery. Baxter sues the Herdid for libel. Several actions by stockholders in the Silver Plume to recover their money are in progress in the civil courts.

PRESIDENT GOWEN AROUSED.

Accusing the McCalmonts of Trying to Wreck Reading. PHILADELPHIA, April 23.-Mr. F. B. Gowen

Much alarm is felt in Jersey City on account of the number of victous dogs that are running about the streets. Hardly a day passes that the police are not inormed that one or more personshave been hitten by does. A child of Charles Bennet, while playing in Newkirk street on Wednesday, was bitten by a neighbor's dog

street on Wednesday, was bitten by a neighbor's dog. The wound was canterized, but the boy was soon after seized with spasms. Mrs. Bennet said yesterday that the spasms were caused by tright. The dog has been killed. A child as William Agnew, while passing the house of Thomas Hunter, in Prospect street, was attacked by a dog and badly hitten.

Policeman Wolben was bitten in the hand by a vicious dog a day or two sao.

A savage dog passed through Tonnele avenue on Priday evenium, and, after biting another dog and causing some alarm, disappeared.

Shakespeare's Birthday.

The St. George's Society celebrated its ninetyfifth anniversary and the birthday of Shakespeare by a dinner at Deimonico's last night. Over the entrance to the dining hali were hung the English banner draped with the royal standard of Great Britain and the Stars with the royal standard of Great Britain and the Stars and Stripea. At one end of the room was a full length painting of Queen Victoria. Mr. F. W. J., Horst presided, and at the principal table with him were William Watom, Vice-Fresident of the Andrew's Society. Mr. Sewall, Vice-Fresident of the Friendle Sons of St. Batrick, J. M. Ficke, Fresident of the New England Society. Gen. Horace Forter, and Chaunce M. Depew. The healths of the Queen and of the Pricedent were drunk standing. Gen. Forter, Mr. Depew, and others made speeches. The Album Society gave a dinner commemorative of the day last evening in the Westminster Hotel.

The Johnson Street M. E. Church, in Brookyn, is still in rebellion against Bishop Wiley's appoint ment of the Rev. R. F. Roeve as its pastor. The Rev. B. F. Roeve has assumed charge of the church, and al-though the Rev. Mr. Hargrave was summoned by the though the Rev. Mr. Hargrave was summoned by the congregation from New Piatz, he has retired from the contest for the present, and Mr. Reeve will occupy the pulpit. The church trusiers aver that they will not hay Mr. Reeve for his services, atthough it is caimed that thirty vears are, when a similar difficulty areas in the same church, the parishnoners were compelled by maintained to receive and support the paster. It is understood that the Presuling lider has persuaded Mr. Harrawe not to keen up the fight, and that he is endeaving to reconcile the trustees to the Histop's appointment

At a special mosting of the Nineteenth Ward At a special mosting of the Nineteenth Ward Republican Association of Brocklyn last night the action of the meeting held by the association on last Tuesday night was discislined, and resolutions approving the President's huminations for Pederal offices in this State were passed. A clique, it was claimed, took advantage of the absorber of aminority of the members of the association on Tuesday night, and tabled resolutions approving the President's nominations. The association made haste to correct that action.

At the western entrance of the Bergen Tunnel the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company's tracks are carried over the Eric tracks by a small pany's fracks are carried over the Eric tracks by a small bridge. Vesterdar aftermout the Easton express, due a press, due to the Easton express, due to the Easton express the Easton express

THE TANTIVY'S FIRST RUN.

THE COACHING CLUB'S OPENING TRIP

Through Central Park and the Country Be-yood Behind Flying Steeds-Saluting the Owner of Greystone-The Beturn to the City "Draw-right!" exclaimed Col. William Jay, President of the Coaching Club, as he drew the lines over the leaders and wheelers and started the new coach on its opening trip from the Hotel Brunswick to Tarrytown yesterday. A grinding of wheels, a flashing of bright red, mellow tootings of the silver horn, wavelike motions of the long, finely-drawn whip lash, a raising of bats from a group of friends, and "Hi, hi, Tantivy!" from a squad of newsboys, were some of the features of the scene as the coach rolled away in the sunlight over the granite pavement of Fifth avenue. On the top of the coach were Col. E. A. Buck of the Spirit of the Times, on the box seat alongside of Col. Jav. Hugo O. Fritsch, Austrian Vice Consul; Dr. Upham, Mesars, Isaac Bell, Burton Mansfield;

Hugo O. Fritsch, Austrian Vice Consul; Dr. Upham, Measrs, Isaac Bell, Burton Mansfield; representatives of the prese; Richard Graham, the horn blower, and a healthy, red-checked, English coachman.

Dashing on through Central Park and out over the smooth, nard road beyond, the lateness of the season could be seen at every turn. The trees, excepting evergreens, were gray, dry, and bare, extending their skeleton limbs and fingers in all directions. Here and there, sheltered lawns lent an emeraid hue to the landscape, which gave promise of coming carpets and festoons of green.

The clear notes of the horn drew out troops of school boys on their regular holiday, and many of the occupants of the beautiful villas along the route of about thirty miles. The boys generally persisted in shouting "Hello, Tally Ho!" Very few of them could wrestle with "Tantity."

There were four relays of horses on the route. The four-in-hands were made up of chestnus, bays, browns, piebalds, grays of all shades, roans, and speckled horses. They made powerful and picturesque teams. Cantering or trotting, as bost suited them, they dashed down the deslivities, sround the vista-opening turns, and up the rocky hills, shaking their bright brass-mounted harness as if proud of the display they made. In this manner they clattered through Inwood, Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Yonkers, Glenwood, Hastings, Dobb's Ferry, Irvington, and on to Tarrytown.

As the coach awung their hats in the air and gave their handserchiefs. In response all on the coach awung their hasts in the air and gave a hearty salute.

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The Tantivy rattled up to the Vincent House in Tarrytown at 1:10, where dinner was had, Mr. Fritsch handled the lines on the home-ward journey like a veteran Californian.

That the trip had not knocked all thought of business out of the minds of the excursioniats was illustrated shortly after the coach struck the city pavement and was obliged to pull up in a crush. a crish.

"How are they?" shouted a passenger to an acquaintance whom he recognized on the side-

walk,
"Way down," replied the man at the same
time pressing the palms of his hands toward
the flagstones, "Lake Shore is twenty-four."
The Tantivy reached the Brunswick at 5:59.

THE PROVIDENCE TEAM BEATEN. The Metropolitan Club Adds Another Victory

to its Fine Record. The ex-champion League club team of Providence arrived in town yesterday fresh from a series of practice matches with picked nines and college teams, in which in five games the Providence players scored no less than 102 the Providence players scored no less than 102 runs to 3 for their opponents. In anticipation of a close contest, about 2,000 people assembled on the polo grounds, yesterday, and they were gratified by a match which was interesting, and even exciting, from the beginning to the end. At the close of the sixth inning the score sood at 5 to 4 only in favor of the home team, and from this time forth every move of the players on both sides was watched with earer interest. After the Metropolitans had ended their ninth inning with their total still at 5 the contest became quite exciting as the visitors took their stand at the bat in their last inning. Daly the one-armed pitcher of the home team, proved equal to the emergency, however, and the Providence batismen popped up three five balls which were easily caught, and that gave the victory to the home team. Following is the score: Metropolitan.

Boston, April 23.—There was a large attendance of spectators at Hamilton Park to-day to witness the game between the Boston and Yale University nines. The playing on both sides was fine. The Boston club succeeded in making nine base hits to the Yale's four and finally te's lour, and Bhall

The Floods in the Missouri River.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, April 22 .- The situation of The water has been rising at the rate of an inch an bour all day, and the entire bottom lands are inundated at a depth of from one to six feet. The tracks of all the raildepth of from one to six feet. The tracks of all the railroads leading to the Union Depot are under water from
two to three feet, and no passeing r trains are run to or
from it. The Limin Pairific trace has been washed out
or several hundred yards, and platforms have been
erected over the water for the transfer of passeingers and
bargage. The river to machine the find and five inches
ligher than it was ever known to be before. Hundreds
of houses adjacent to the city and in the lower districts
of the city can only be reached by bouts.

Onais, April 23 - The river has risen, three inches
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grounds are only adversable by houts. The Immir Pairit
road has not rendered yet, but an effort will be made to
start but a train today.

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continues to grow more and more serious, as the water
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Trains are connected to sop several miles be,
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wagons and beats. Communication between this city
and Omaha was suspended to-day.

Seven Men and One Woman Killed. ANTONITO, Col., April 23,-A special passenger train left Antonito for Chama vesterday at 11 o'clock, and when near Ozier, New Mexico, thirty-eight miles and when hear Ozer, New Mexico, thirty-eight mices from Almonio, the passenger couch jumped the track and relief down an emb okament 150 feet, killing seven males and one female, and injuring all the other passengers. The names of the killed are Mrs. C. Declodedt, residence unknown, James Lynn of Jarestown, Kan. D. G. Heewer of Sprin field, Mo.; G. Hall of Indianous, D. G. Heewer of Sprin field, Mo.; G. Hall of Indianous of Leavenworth, Kan., D. C. Schenles of Lawrence, Kan., and J. C. Schenles of Lawrence, Kan., and M. C. T. The sames of the sentient is supposed to be the softening of the ground by rains.

A Woman Murdered. Boston, April 23.-This afternoon James Tracey went into the room of Mrs. Ediza Poje, aged 36 years, of 4 Jasper place, and attempted an outrageous assault upon her. The woman resisting, he beat her with an iron poker so severely that she died in a few minutes. Assistance was summoned by another woman, who was present, and Tracey was agreed before he could leave the house. Tracey was a barkecour in the neighborhood and an acquantiance of Mrs. Pope, whose husband was absent on a sex veyage.

Garroted and Robbed. Miss Annie Smith of 453 West Thirty-fifth street was walking in Thirty-lourth street, near Eighth avenue, last night, when she was knocked down and avenue, last light, when she was knocked down and garroled. She screamed for help, but the third, choking her with one hand, tried to force from her neck a zool chain. The attack was directly in rent of ex Anderman Salomon's house. Mr. Salomon, John D. Townsend, and Mr. Johnson ran to Miss Smith's assistance. The third, finding himself surrounded, tried to orce his was through the throng that had his was sambled. Polesman Byrnes arrested him. He said his name was Thomas Green.

Electric Lights and Illuminated Pumpkins. About 5,000 persons gathered in Broad and

A Dinner to Surrogate (alvin.

A complimentary dinner at Delmonico's has been tendered to Surrogate Calvin by some the members of the bar of this city. In a letter to excludes Enoch L. Fancher, Edwards Fierrepout, and Henry E. Davies, and Measus Alternon S. Surfixan and E. Handuph E. Hannen, the committee which his the affix in charge. Mr. Calvin accepts and names May 3 as a convenient date.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Commodors J. H. Spotts has been ordered to Washing-ton for examination for promotion to the rank of Rear Admiral. He is to command the naval lorges on the South Adamira solution. Rear Admiral C. R. P. Rogers will relieve Bear Admiral George B. Baich as Saprindenderd of the Nav I Academy at annuous and June 14 Rear Admiral Guide La Golden at Annuous and June 14 Rear Admiral Surial stockers to bear Practice in Lake Community of the International the Practice Station.

WASHINGTON NATHAN'S MARRIAGE. Quiet Visit to Yonkers to be Wedded to

On April 7 a gentleman and lady got off the train which arrived at Yonkers at a quarter before ten in the morning, and walked up the hill to the City Court, where the gentleman asked for Judge Ellis, and was directed to the law office across the way. He found there Judge Ellis's law partner, and asked where he could find a justice of the peace or minister who could perform the marriage ceremony. He was directed to the Rev. David Cole's residence, which was nearer than Judge Ellis's. The couple went thither and there were married. The New York Methodist Conference was meeting in Yonkers at the time, and the Rev. George H. Corey of Tarrytown and the Rev. Henry Jackson of Port Ewen were in the house Henry Jackson of Port Ewen were in the house and witnessed the marriage. The groom was Washington Nathan, age 33, occupation gentleman. The bride was Mrs. Nins E. E. Armit, daughter of Col. James H. Mapleson, age 26.

Dr. Cole says it is no unusual thing for couples to come out from New York to be married at Yonkers, so that he felt no surprise.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nathan walked to the Gelty House and had dinner. Mr. Nathan did not register, and, upon ordering some Scotch ale, declined to write his name on the watter's card. It was well known at the hotel, however, who he was, and the beauty of the bride drew many glances toward her. She was dressed in black. After dinner the bridal couple went to the depot, taking the 2:40 P. M. train for New York.

Mr. Nathan, the groom, is the son of the late Mr. Benjamin Nathan. Mrs. Nathan is the only living daughter of Col. Mapleson, the operatio manager. She was married about nine years not to Capt. Armit of the Marine Corps of the British Navy, and has had four children, two of whom, a boy and girl, are now living. Mrs. Armit a year or more ago, obtained a divorce from her husband. Capt. Armit's sister, who took Mrs. Armit's side in the differences ending in the divorce suit, died in the winter of 1879-80, and leit her about £10,000. Mrs. Armit came to New York in the spring of 1880, residing for a time at the Victoria. She then went abroad, probably at Nice, where she was accustomed to spend her winters.

Mrs. Armit was at the St. James Hotel before her marriage. The newly wedded pair, with the children, are now living at a boarding house in Fifth avenue.

Arrests IN ST PEIERSBURG. and witnessed the marriage. The groom was

ARRESTS IN ST PETERSBURG.

Nibilist Presses Seized-Possible Socialis St. Petersbung, April 23.-A printing press was discovered here on April 10, and from ten to twenty three persons were arrested. A lew days ago a press, believed to belong to the Nihilist newspaper, the Will of the Propie, was discovered and a dozen persons were arrested. On the day of the execution of the Nihilists for connection with the Czar's assassination three persons envaged in printing notices referring to the execution were arrested. The proprietor of a house contain ing a press and a laboratory, three occupants, and two priors have also been arrested. The executioner Probloff has received 10 labes for mismagement in the hanging of the Nihilist Michalloff, whose rope broke

tice. Loxpon, April 23 -The conference of Socialists which Loxion, April 23.—The conference of Socialists which was to have been held in London at the end of April has been portlying in the see what course publical events are likely to take in Russia and Germany. If the Socialist conference at Zurien in the summer is prohibited, immediate steps will probably be taken to summon an internal The Treifert is published with a black border in memory of the executed murderers of the Czar. It praises them as martyrs. The tone of the article is the same as that which caused the indictment of Herr Most, publisher of the Treifert. It is not conference for the purpose of considering measures against anarchists. The circular save: Numerous manifestations of uprincipally established the necessity for combating the social danger by which not alone Russia is threatened. In propositing a Congress Russia desires to find, conjointy with other powers, some way of meeting the evil without infrincing on the severeign independence of legislation belonging to each State.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 23.-Four persons,

formerly demestic servants in the Imperial Palace, have been arrested, charged with the assessination of the late Suttan Abdul Anz. They have concessed that they sufficiently the substitution of the late suitan Abdul Anz. They have concessed that they sufficiently the substitution of the late sufficiently the substitution of ATHENS, April 23 .- M. Mayromichaelis, Minister of War, has resigned. He disagreed with his colleagues concerning the answer to be returned to the last note of the powers. His views were regarded as to pacific. His resignation, therefore, seems to pertend an unfavorable reply. M. Valithes will succeed M. Mavromichaelia.

Dervisch Pasha, the Turkish commander, while continuing to advance toward Prirsend, had a second successful educatement with the Albamana.

A ferryboat crassing the Dijester River has upset, and, according to one version, sixty-three persons were growned. Another accounts says thirty were drawned. The London Darky News says that since the publication of Mr. Carlyle's damaging reminiscences, subscriptions for the proposed Carlyle memorial have almost ceased.

Naturalization Papers Conclusive Proof of

WASHINGTON, April 23.-At the meeting of the Spanish-American Commission, at the State Department, to-day, Mr. Thomas J. Durant, Consul for the United States, read a letter from the Secretary of State instructions him to request the umpire. Count Lewenhoupt, to re oneader his recent decision in the Buzzi case, inasmuch consider his recent decision in the Burricase, insanuch, as it consider to the Spanish Government the right, in determining the question of American critizenship, to go tehn it the naturalization experts and required our laws to entitle an alien to receive naturalization papers san American critizen, had been fully compiled with previously to the granting of the certificate.

The State Department holds that, in determining the question of citiz uship, naturalization papers, regular in form and duly issued by competent tribunals, shall be taken as complicity end of the citizenship of a claimant. This position was duly conceded by Baron Blanc, a former imprire, and it is in understood that our Government will mast upon this construction.

The Hungarian Siceper Wakes and Jamp

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 23.-John Guymphere the Humanian who has been askep at the poorhouse for seventy-two days, and who awakened for the first tim venterslay, arose again this morning at \$1. He builted the dwar and jumped out of the window, falling a distance of twents five feet. He was alone in the room at the time. Two of his ride were broken, and his pinne so badly injured that he can handly be expected to the.

The Christiancy Divorce Suit.

Washington, April 23. - Examiner Loveing this utternoon resumed the taking of testimony on the part of Mrs. Christiancy in the divorce suit instituted against her by her husband, ex Senator Christianey. Th against not by her husband, ex-sension vortaining. The only withnesses were Mrs. Bettle Eccholtz, a sieter, and Dr. French Lugenbell, a heather of Mrs. Christianey. Their festimions was to the effect that Mrs. Christianey was shopping with her mother on thristmas Day, 1870, and was pain as condition to leave the hone, and did not do so on that day. She remained with her mother during the holidays.

A Check for \$700,000.

BUFFALO, April 23.-The sale of the Buffalo New York and Philadelphia stock, held by this city, to the syndicate of bankers who have purchased the road, was completed this morning. A certified check for second the Metropolitan National Bank of New York, make by a W. Seligman, was handed over to the Camp-nier by President Jewett, is the trustee of the syndi-cate, and the necessary instrument was executed in making a transfer of the stock.

BEOOKLYN.

The Rev. Fred. B. Huntington, a nephew of Rishos Huntington, has accepted a call to the Reformed Episcopal church of the Admendent.

A new herosone ordinance went into effect in Brooklyn restricts. It into sees a benaity of \$25 into a dealers in kerosone who dail to have out a limited, and \$25 to each offence into those who self-kerosone or huntar of the pre-test of which as less than 100 degrees Pairconet, but you hearten as to be kept at a time to any building which is partly used for dwelling purposes.

SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH. The Rev. II Thomas communit & smolde in Ozark, Ark., on account of rapidly growing bundares.

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Dra Vanderveer and Word say that Lient. Gov. Hos.
Ria will receiver, and that when he does be will enjoy
better in aits than he has not some years past.
Judge W. J. Ergens died at Lienten, Lawrence County,
Ky in Thursday might. He was almost liftle Sevenbestin Virgitia thus berats Regiment, and distinguished
libraria thords your

LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS.

DASHES HERE AND THERE BY THE SUN'S REPORTERS.

Farewell to Her Majesty's Opera-Col. Mapleson Just Catches his Ship and Campanint Misses a Ducking-Handkerchien Waved,

The City of Berlin was to leave her pier at oon yesterday, taking away Her Majesty's Opera troupe and an army of tourists. There was more than the usual confusion of steamer day at the pier, and more than the usual prospect that the passengers would be late. Signor Galassi, the first of the singers to arrive, came in a cab at half past 11. After dodging a stevedore and a barrel of mackerel, and being nearly run over by his cab horse, he reached the gangplank, was asked by a sentinel on one side the number of his stateroom, on the other if he was a passenger, and by the under steward what had become of his trunks, while the policeman shouted "Ges off that there gangplank!" in the most peremptory man-ner. It was getting late, and there was no time for for-

mal receptions.

Then came Signor Del Puente and his wife, Signor Ra-

veill. Charles Mapleson and his wife. Arditi came along with Mra. Swift, Mile. Belocoa, and a number of others all together. They were all aboard by a quarter to 12, when Campanini, wearing plain black clothes and an old-fashioned beaver hat, with a heavy weed around the when Campanini, wearing plain black clothes and an oldfashioned beaver hat, with a heavy weed around the
crown, arrived. His first question excited all the company, "Whave it ze Cornel?" said he.
Everybody repeated the question, and at last some one
saked the chief officer, who came running back in a high
state of excitement, and cried: "There, I knew it I is's
after 12 now. Bing the bell."
The bell was rung, and all who were not passengers
were hurried ashore, among them Campanini and his
wife, for the lenor remains some time longer in the city.
The passenger gangplank had been withdrawn, and the
Italian singers were running to and from despair, when
an uproar was heard at the end of the pier, and down
came two trucks with the harsea on a dead run. The
trucks were piled bigh with canvas hage, and on the
topmost bag of the highest truck ast Col. Mapleson, his
resulendent quient-leather bouts and closely hat shining
in the suo. He clauntered up the freight gainway, and
the passenger working to do maxt war, Colonial?" asked
The Ster reporter.
"Oh, I'm coming hock, of course, but I'm not prepared
to say whom I'm going to bring with me. It's impossible
to tell how these prime donne will act, you know. At
any rate, the public—"
"All ashers th it's con."

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jump, and wrenched his arm sliving, but recovered at
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who that been gaing at the term from the moment of his
arrival saw his danger and cried:

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A Maori prince bearing the name of Tommy To Roa te Rangihauturi is stopping at the St Nicholas Hotel with his guardian, Mr. F. H. Neinertzhegen. Re is the sen of a New Zealand chief or king, and will own 7,000 acres of land when he succeeds his father. Mr. Memertzhegen is a wealthy sheep raiser in New Zealand, Memortzhegen is a wealthy sheep raiser in New Zealand, and is on his way to Europe to give the young prince and his own children a thorough schooling. The prince is about 12 years old, and has straight black hair, dark eyes and compication. He speaks Emilist fluority.

I adopted him when he was about 3 years old, "said Mr. Memortzhegen yesterday," and intend to give him in charge of thorough masters in Emiland. After he has finished his education he will return to New Zealand and go to sheep tarming until he succeeds his lather. The child has forgetten every sylable of his own language, and when he is visited by his parents of whom he is very tond, they are obliged to use an interpreter. He owns 1,000 acres now."

Cured of Insantty and Awaiting Trial. John Wilbur, alias Gilbert Yost, one of the burglars who was arrested with "Shang" Draper, Wm. Porter, and John Irving, for the robbery of Marun Ibert's feed store, in Grabam avenue, Brooklyn, two years ago, has been returned to the Raymond street jail years ago, has been returned to the Raymond street hall from the Asylum for the Insane at Poughkeepsle. He was sent to the asylum after he became mane while awaiting trial. Wilbur will be tried for the crime for which Porter is serving a sentence of ten years. Irving is serving a sentence in a Pennsylvania prison for a frime committed after he escaped from Raymond street jail. "Shang" Draper's indictment was notified that he great bank burdary there. He is now in Brocklynen-loving his therty.

Peter Walds, who was under indictment for bigany when he became insane, having also been restored be reason, has been returned to Brooklyn for trial.

A Famous War Regiment's Reunion.

The band played a historic march as about a hundred veterans out of the thousand of the old Seventh New York Volunteers took their seats at Germania Hall last evening. On the stage were the builet-ridden and buttle-stained colors. Overhead was a scroll bearing the names of the twenty old battles participated in by the regiment. On either side were the tarwell words of Gen Bancock, their corps commander, and Gen Caldwell, the brigade commander, on the return of the return to their homes. April 28, 1863.

The tolor et. Join E. Bendix, and Sixt Ludwig Kapff, who organized the regiment, and many other officers were alled or wounded at Fredericksburg slove. Major G. Brestel previoes. Private Augusto Beute, John M. Koerber, and others made speeches. New York Volunteers took their seats at Germania Hall

The failure of H. D. Mann & Co., dry goods erchants of St Louis and at 54 Worth street, New York, caused surgice in the trade here as their credit was good, and there was no intimation of financial trouble. The business was established in St. Louis in 1871 by Mann & business was established in St. Louis in 18:10 y Mann & Labby, and in the following year became it. D. Mann & Ca. A. S. Mann of Roche-ster was special partner, but withdraw in January, 1874. The luthilities of the firm amount to about \$100,000, the greater part of which is due in New York and Buston; the nominal assets are about \$100,000, consisting of merchandise and accounts, the real value of which is placed at from \$50,000. The firm is circulating a paper for a compromise at sixty cents on the dollar in time notes, endorsed by Nr. A. S. Mann of Bochester.

All Democratic voters in the city are invited by the call published in Tax Sus to-day to take part in the primary elections in their respective Assembly dis-tricts or, Tuesday hight. The call is issued by the Com-mittee of One Hundred that was appointed by the Conce-liation was meeting to prepare a plan for reorganizing the party in the city.

Mr. Vanderbilt to Go to Europe. Mr. William H. Vanderbilt and Samuel F. Barger are booked for passage on the White Star steam ship Germanic, which sais from this port for Liverpool April 29. It is understood that Mr Vanderbilt will be absent only about 512 weeks. The Wall street community are almost unanimously of the opinion that he is out of the stock market.

Alderman Coggey's Funeral. The funeral of Alderman Matthew J. Corner A no funeral of Alderman Matthew J. Coggey was held at the Church of the Holy Cross, in West Forty-second street, resterday morning. The attendance of symmathicing friends, present and next city officials, and of others who knew the decessed Alderman politically filled the church.

The Signal Office Prediction. Slightly warmer, fair weather, southerly

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Lecture by Col. Robert, ii. Ingersoil on "Some Reasons Why," Booth's Theatre, this eventual Last work there landed at Uastle Garden 18,213 immigrants, and the Netherland was reported down the bay yeaterday with ansul 694 absard.

Thomas R Bannerman, late Impactor of Fast Office transh stations, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Fostmater deneral a Office at Washington. The Bev A. Schweninger will lecture on "The Irish Land Question" in Steinway Hall tangent for the benefit of the elsters de Notre Isine A sacred concert will own a part of the enertainment. Roberts Briges has been with friends at Palmyra, N. Y., since he int the Post 10m - early in the month. Besides asying that he is no hadron, he says that he has never traveled with a "Finator" company. never travelled with a "Pinatore" company.

There were Riviginus fever patients and 32 small-pox patients cared for on Hist-levell's lei-and by the Health bevarinent sat week. The lever fource are less than those for the previous week, while the small-pox record is about the same.

Mr. Edwin G. Reade of Raleigh, N. C., now lodging at the Grant Central Hort, full vesterday while crossing Breadway at Thurse-oth street. A rassian truck driven by Tunstey Brean crushed her outstrebuild right hand. She excepted Brean from blame.

Mr. Pariell will address a public meeting under the

Mrs. Farnell will address a public meeting under the suspices of the Ladre-Ladol Leadure of Nott Haven and North New York, the Harlen Historic Nottonal League, and Farnell Branch No. 28 at Solder's Park, 120th atrest and second awone, this evening at 720.

and Parnel Branch No. 28 at Subsets Park, 120th street and Parnel Avenue, this evening at 7.35.

In Terrace Garben temperow might George Rooke, include weight changement America, will appear with Nike Domes in extent of Marcicla, will appear prior to the contentiate between Rome and Domesan.

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Mr. Herrs Keene the configure trainer of Mr. James R. Keene, with that land charge of his bother's stable in Leniand, is danger-paidy size. A callegram announces his production death. Mr. Thomas Edmundon, Secretary or the Silver diff Company, of which Mr. Keene is President, sailed for Europe yeaterlay morning to look after Mr. Keene's interest.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Annature Darsons at the Metropolitan Hurel last right, it was decaded to hold the regatla at Washington, sept. I and 2. Accollege oursmentable in the present themselves in the regatlas of the association, it was voted to storn to the Trium, European and Passon Chibs cuts offered by thom for college races. Soon after Mr. Tromas R. Raunerman, Postmaster James's sectre have a week for the production in the avoid to store the Passon Chibs cuts of the Passon Chibs with other expects well companious gentlements, including with other equal to work the formula with other equal to the product of the Passon Chibs. As here Hallgan, the Rev. M. of these cher Mr. Hannerman has replect than time and the revest that engagements make it impossible for him to accept the invitation.